

[24 November, 2006]

RAJYA SABHA

Tur/Arhar Dal

(Rs. Per kg)

	2003	2004	2005	2006(upto20.)
North Zone	28.65	32.03	31.41	33.60
West Zone	25.24	28.40	28.47	30.09
East Zone	27.40	30.32	29.51	30.87
South Zone	31.00	33.78	32.24	33.24
All-India	27.94	30.96	30.20	31.68

The maximum wholesale prices of Urad (whole) and Moong (whole) for Delhi for November2006(upto 15.11.2006) and the corresponding period during the last three years*are given below:

. (Rs. Per Kg)

Year	Urad	Moong
2003	14.40	15.30
2004	18.75	19.50
2005	27.00	26.25
2006 (upto 15.11.2006)	36.00	35.00

(c) The reasons for rise in prices of pulses are shortfall in domestic supplies relative to demand and hardening of international prices.

(d) Government has already taken steps to check the increase in prices of pulses by taking measures for augmenting overall supply through permitting imports at zero duty and ban on exports of pulses.

Imbalance in agricultural cost inputs and outputs

*54. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the concrete steps Governemnt propse to take in view of crash in prices of agricultural output and rise in cost of agricultural input which have adversely affected the interest of all sections among the peasantry?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARD PAWAR): The Minimum support Prices. (MSPs) of major agricultural commodities have increased substantially over a period of time. A statement indicating the MSPs announced since 2000-01 is Annexed (See below). The MSPs are announced by the government after taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of State Government and Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors which are considered important for fixation of support prices.

The CACP, while formulating its recommendations on prices policy considers the inputs provided by various State Governments as also a number of important factors which include cost of production. The cost of cultivation/production taken into account includes all paid out costs, such as, those incurred on account of hired human labour, bullock labour/machine labour (both hired and owned), cash and kind expenses on use of material imputs like seeds, fertilizers, manures, irrigation charges including cost of diesel/ electricity for operation of pump sets, etc. The cost of production covers not only actual expenses in cash and kind but also imputed value of owned assets including land and family labour. The cost of cultivation of various agricultural products is estimated through a Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in India implemented through the State Agricultural Universities.

The thrust areas, inter-alia, include increase in production and productivity of various crops including oilseeds and pulses; diversification to the high value crops; strengthening of agriculture marketing infrastructure; promotion of agriculture extension; promotion of water and soil conservation through watershed approach under natural resources management; and extended insurance scheme for risk management.

STATEMENT
MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES ANNOUNCED SINCE 2000-01
(According to Crop Year)

As on 30.10.2006

(Rs. per quintal)

Si. No. Commodity	Variety	2000- 2001	2001- 2002	2002-03		2003- 2004	2004- 2005	2005- 2006	2006- (#)increase 2007 in MSP 2006-07 over 2005-
				Special Drought relief price					

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KHARIF CROPS											
1.	Paddy	Common	510	530	530	20	550	560	570	580*	10(1.8)
		Grade "A"	540	560	560	20	580	590	600	610*	10(1.7)
2.	Jowar	Hybrid	445	485	485	5	505	515	525	540	15(2.9)
		Maldandi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	555	-
3.	Bajra		445	485	485	10	505	515	525	540	15(2.9)
4.	Maize		445	465	485	5	505	525	540	540	0(0.0)
5.	Ragi		445	465	485	5	505	515	525	540	15(2.9)
6.	Airhar (Tur)		1200	1320	1320	5	1360	1390	1400	1410	10(0.7)
7.	Moong		1200	1320	1330	5	1370	1410	1520	1520	0(0.0)
8.	Urad		1200	1320	1330	5	1370	1410	1520	1520	0(0.0)
9.	Cotton	F-414/	1625	1675	1675	20	1725	1760	1760	1770*	10(0.6)
		H-777/J34	1825	1875	1875	20	1925	1960	1980	1990-	10(0.5)

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10. Groundnut in Shell		1220	1340	1355	20	1400	1500	'1520	1520	0(0.0)	
11. Sunflower seed		1170	1185	1195	15	1250	1340	1500	1500	0(0.0)	
12. Soyabean	Black	775	795	795	10	840	900	900	900	0(0.0)	
	Yellow	865	885	885	10	930	1000	1010	1020	10(1.0)	
13. Sesamum		1300	1400	1450	5	1485	1500	1550	1560	10(0.6)	
14. Nigerseed		1025	1100	1120	-	1155	1180	1200	1220	20(1.7)	
RABI CROPS											
15. Wheat		610	620	620	10	630	640	650\$	750	100(5.38)	
16. Barley		500	500	500	5	525	540	550	565	15(2.73)	
17. Gram		1100	1200	1220	5	1400	1425	1435	1445	10(0.70)	
18. Masur (Lentil)		1200	1300	1320	5	1500	1525	1535	1545	10(0.65)	
19. Rapeseed/ Mustard		1200	1300	1330	10	1600	1700	1715	1715	-	
20. Safflower		1200	1300	1300	5	1500	1550	1565	1565	-	
21. Toria		1165	1265	1295	10	1565	1665	1680			
OTHER CROPS											
22. Copra	Milling	3250	3300	3300	-	3320	3500	3570	3590	20(0.6)	
(Calender Year)	Ball	3500	3550	3550	.	3570	3750	3820	3840	20(0.5)	
23. Jute		785	810	850	-	860	690	910	1000	90(9.9)	
24. Sugarcane©		59.50	62.05	69.50	-	73	74.50	79.50	80.25	0.75(0.9)	

25. Tobacco (VFC)	Black Soil 26.00 (F2 Gr)	27.00	28.00	31.00	32.00	32.00
(Rs. per kg.)	Light soil 28.00 (L2Gr)	29.00	30.00	33.00	34.00	34.00

@ Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) linked to a basic recovery of 8.5% with proportionate premium for every 0.1% increase in recovery above that level. The SMP for 2002-03 includes the one time drought relief of Rs. 5 per quintal recommended by CACP. For 2005-06 & 2006-07 SMP is linked to basic recovery of 9.0%

Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.

\$ An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal is payable on wheat *over* the minimum Support Price (MSP).

^ An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 40 per quintal is payable on procurement between 1.10.2006 to 31.03.2007.

* Medium Staple.

** Long Staple.